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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

May 31, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

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LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
WILLOWBROOK GREEN ALLEY  
ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WILLOWBROOK  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve and advertise the Willowbrook Green Alley project located between East 120th Street and East 118th Street in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook, find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, find this project has designated a product by specific brand name, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve and advertise this project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Willowbrook Green Alley, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$650,000 and \$900,000.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on June 28, 2016, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
4. Find this project has designated solar pedestrian lights by specific brand name in order to match the existing solar pedestrian lights currently being used in the adjacent Faith and Hope Park located within the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation's South County Community Service Agency.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project, adopt the plans and specifications, find this project has designated products by specific brand name, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by enriching the lives of County of Los Angeles residents by enhancing the aesthetics of alleys in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$650,000 to \$900,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,300,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant

services, survey, environmental clearance, utility clearance, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Financing for this project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

The annual maintenance cost of landscaping improvements and pedestrian lighting is estimated to be \$15,300, which includes \$10,000 for nonroutine maintenance and repairs. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2017-18, sufficient appropriation will be included in the Second Supervisorial District's annual Transportation Improvement Program to finance the ongoing maintenance cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' ongoing highway construction program. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is to match other products in use on a completed public improvement, if the awarding authority makes a finding and language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids. The project plans and specifications designate the solar pedestrian lights to be those manufactured by Sepco Electric Power Company in order to match the existing solar pedestrian lights currently being used in the adjacent Faith and Hope Park located within the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation's South County Community Service Agency. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

This project is to be completed in 100 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in September 2016 and be completed in January 2017.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract will allow for streamlining of this project, which has received strong community support for completion as quickly as possible.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making an award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15301(b) and (c), 15303(e), and 15304(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; and Class 1 Subsections (e), (x)(1), (x)(14), (x)(18), and (x)(22); Class 3 Subsection (b); and Class 4 Subsection (c) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for maintenance or minor alteration of existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide public services; reconstruction of pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, drive aprons, and drainage structures in place; new street drainage facilities that do not discharge onto private property; maintenance of existing roadway facilities; construction of accessory structures; and new landscaping.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. An award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business to maximize outreach.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing the aesthetics of the alleys in the Willowbrook area thereby improving the quality of life for community residents.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)